

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed June 27, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Miscellaneous

The Office Action Summary states that claim 17 is allowed. However, a rejection of claim 17 has been presented in paragraph 3 of the Office action. Applicants wishes to point out that the Office Action Summary is incorrect and should state that claim 17 has been rejected.

II. Drawings

The drawings have been amended to correct errors. In Figure 1, numeral 1082 has been changed to numeral 1084 so that Figure 1 corresponds to the written description. Numeral 1084 has been changed to numeral 1086 so that Figure 1 corresponds to the written description. Numeral 1052 has been moved so that it is clear which part defined in the written description is part 1052. In Figure 2, numeral 1084 has been changed to numeral 1086 so that Figure 2 corresponds to the written description. Numeral 1052 has been moved so that it is clear which part defined in the written description is part 1052. In Figure 5, numerals 1402, 1406, and 1408 have been added so that the numerals referred to in the written description appear in the Figure.

A clean copy of each amended Figure, including Figure 1, Figure, 2, and Figure 5, has been included with this response and is labeled "Replacement Sheet". Additionally, a

marked-up copy of each amended Figure has been included with this response and is labeled "Annotated Marked-Up Drawings". It is asserted that no new matter has been added.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-11 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner states that the claims fail to recite structural cooperative relationships between the platform, the wheels, the hinge joint, the geartrain, the overrunning clutch, the spring, and the brake. As identified above, claims 5-6 and 10-11 have been canceled from the application with this Response. In view of that cancellation, Applicant submits that the rejection is moot as to those claims.

In response to the rejection as it applies to the claims that remain, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, and 17 to recite structural cooperative relationships between the elements. In view of those amendments, it is respectfully asserted that claims 1-4, 7-9 and 17 define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections to these claims be withdrawn.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

A. Rejection of Claims 1-4

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sobocan (U.S. Pat. No. 5,280,935).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6. In view of that amendment, Applicant believes that independent claim 1 is allowable along with its dependent claims 2-4. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

B. Rejection of Claims 7-10

Claims 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wild, et al. ("Wild," U.S. Pat. No. 4,915,403). Applicant has canceled claim 10. In view of that cancellation, Applicant submits that the rejection is moot as to claim 10. In regards to claims 7-9, Applicant has amended claim 7 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 11. In view of that amendment, Applicant believes that independent claim 7 is allowable along with its dependant claims 8-9. Therefore, Application respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

V. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sobocan in view of Wild. In this response, Applicant has canceled claim 5 from the application and therefore Applicant submits the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

VI. Canceled Claims

Claims 5-6 and 10-11 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

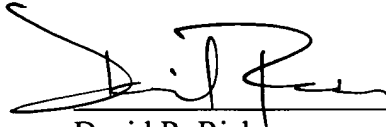
VII. New Claims

Claims 21-41 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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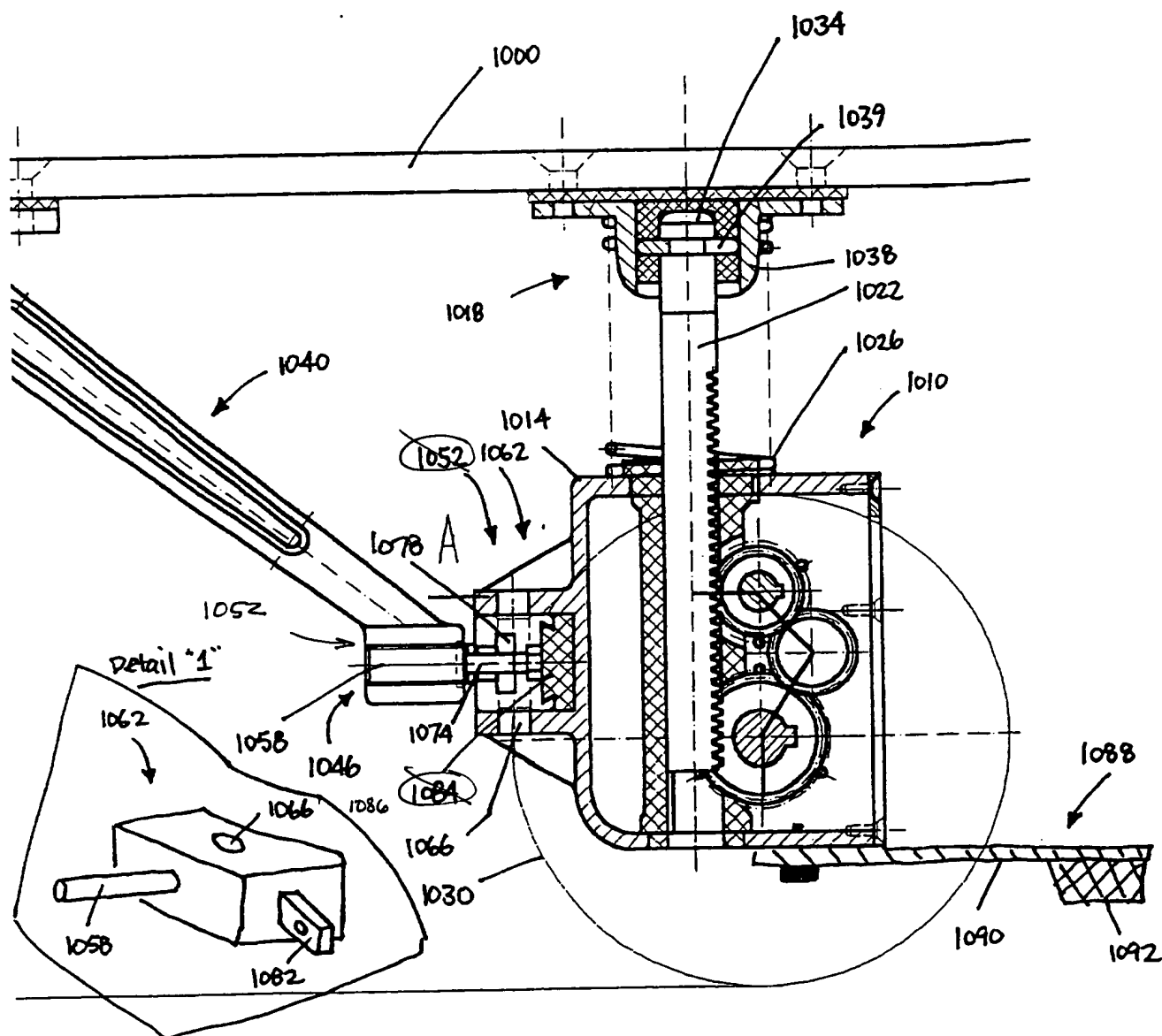
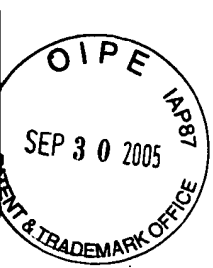
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FIG. 1



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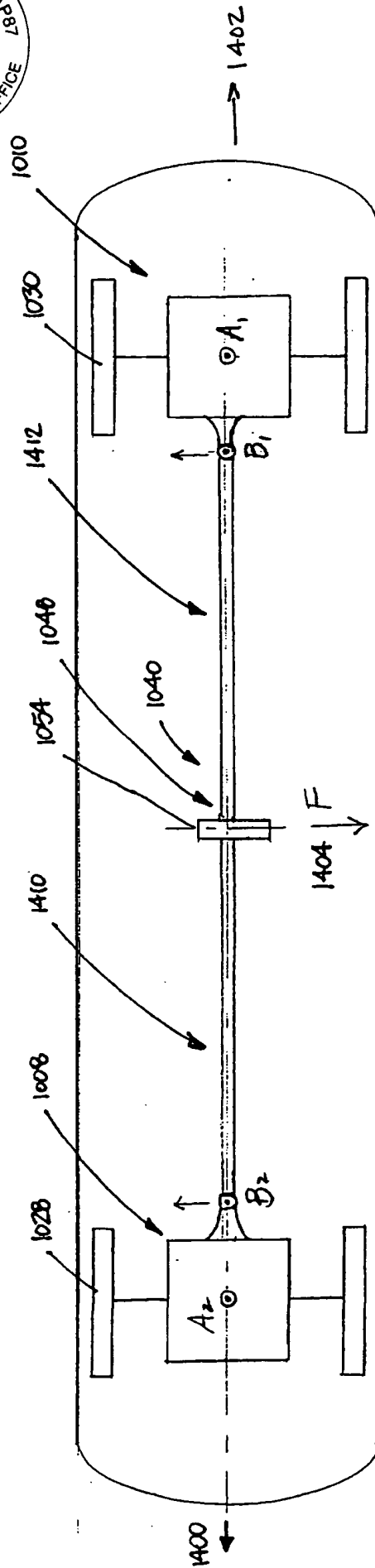


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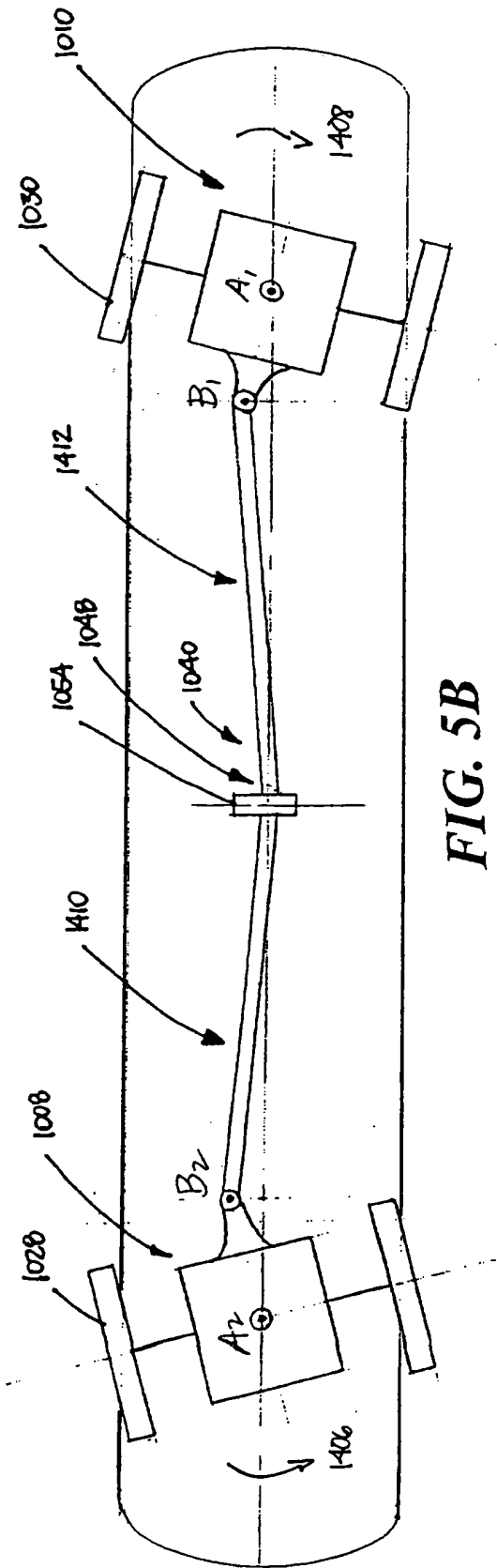


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